

Situation Name:**2022 01 28 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa****EOC Operations Group Command and General Staff Meeting****2022 01 29 / 12:30 hours****Agenda**

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Situation Update
3. Sections Update
4. Roundtable
5. Next Steps / Adourn

Roll Call	
Department / Service	Name
EOC Ops Group Commander	Beth Gooding
Council Liaison	Joanna Kaleniecka
Emergency Information Officer	Andrea Lanthier-Seymour, Don Lonie
Information Assistant	Heidi-Lee Fowers
EOC Liaison	COVID-19: Lianne Shaver External Stakeholders: Nicole Ward NCRCC: Kelly Cochrane PEOC: Eric Thibaudeau
Health and Human Needs Branch	Melissa Lavery
Public Safety Branch	Jake Gravelle
Documentation / Resource / Scribe	Paola Parenti
Situation Unit	Kyle Donaldson, Dan Bissonnette

NCRCC = National Capital Region Command Centre

PEOC = Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30 hours.
- P. Parenti conducted roll call.

2. Situation Update

- B. Gooding: Police maintaining that current threat level remains at Low (locally). There have been some barrel fires, and some not-so-peaceful people.
- K. Cochrane: Situation appears to be escalating.
 - No physical altercations with Officers at this time, but there have been a lot of verbal.
 - East convoy requested OPP assistance due to their own internal altercations.
 - OPP have closed off many 417 ramps to avoid convoys using side roads, for example using Pinecrest to get to the Sir John A. MacDonald (SJAM) Parkway.
 - Seeing impacts as far as Kemptville.
 - Pedestrians on highway and overpasses with flags, showing support to convoys.
 - Seeing isolated barrel fires; people carrying gasoline.
 - Portage and Champlain bridges have been closed due to heavy pedestrian traffic coming from the Quebec side.

- B. Gooding: Current start time on Parliament Hill remains 13:00 hours. Another rally is now being mentioned to start at Confederation Park at 15:00 hours.
 - K. Cochrane: Confederation Park may be delayed due to later convoy arrivals.
 - N. Ward: Noted that there was a request for support from the National Capital Commission (NCC) for Confederation Park; Police have been looped in.
 - K. Cochrane: NCRCC is aware and NCC contacts were provided; no further action at this time.

3. Section Updates

- J. Gravelle: Received request for additional staging areas for Police, due to increasing numbers. Ben Franklin Place, Shenkman Arts Centre and Hintonburg Community Centre have been mobilized; transportation is being provided by OC Transpo to get officers into downtown core.
- M. Lavery: K. Cochrane has been keeping us up-to-date regarding road closures.
 - Pedestrian traffic is a concern.
 - Paramedic Service have deployed the urban terrain vehicle (UTV) for access to Parliament Hill.
 - Received request from Parliamentary Protective Services (PPS) for portable toilets close to the Hill; from safety perspective (for vendors and staff), it was determined this was not feasible at this time; could re-consider later today or into early hours of tomorrow morning, if still required.
- B. Gooding: Unpredictable crowds and shift could be quick. On high alert due to volume of people and vehicles. Impacts are City-wide, including 417 ramps and interprovincial bridges being closed.
- J. Gravelle: By-law and Regulator Services (BLRS) were experiencing issues; a perimeter / red zone has been established; if BLRS are required to enter that zone, as directed by the NCRCC, they will be provided Police escort.
 - K. Cochrane: Police advising BLRS to withdraw services if they are encountering concerns; will provide escorts on an as-needed basis.
 - Conceding that we are losing access to emergency lanes on some streets, such as Rideau Street.
- L. Shaver: Public Health are discussing internal impacts on services they provide that require use of roadways, ie. harm-reduction.

4. Roundtable

- B. Gooding: Police internally have escalated to a higher level. Our escalation level currently remains at Enhanced Operations.
- P. Parenti: Suggest we consider escalating to Activated Operations. Impacts are beyond the core downtown area. We are meeting the criteria in the Response Escalation Level Guideline.
- D. Lonie: Noted there are impacts getting around the City. If this continues into Monday, there will be impacts for other services such as school buses and travel for those who need to report to their workplaces.
- N. Ward: Would we do anything differently if escalated to Activated Operations?
 - P. Parenti: EOC Control Group would be engaged. Noted that S. Roberts has mentioned several times that this is not a usual demonstration. Also of note, the City

entered into Activated for the North American Leaders Summit (June 2016) and La Machine (July 2017).

- **Emergency Management staff to discuss escalation criteria / level off-line.**
- B. Gooding: Expressed concern regarding the rally at Confederation Park, due to the size of the park.
- J. Gravelle: Expressed concern regarding emergency detour route (EDR) impacts with the ongoing road closures. There are also bus service impacts.
- J. Kaleniecka: Councillor Leiper has expressed concerns regarding businesses in his ward not having been prepared to provide items such as food and gas (Westboro / Hintonburg). Also of note, the streets are very narrow in this area.
 - A. Lanthier-Seymour: Police are planning to put out a release around 14:00 hours, which will include information for businesses.
- A. Lanthier-Seymour: Continuing to monitor media. If any critical messaging required, please let us know.
 - K. Cochrane: There are no estimated end times for the 417 closures, depends on convoys. Requested adding messaging in communications around the dangers of being outside of your vehicle on roadways and overpasses.
 - P. Parenti: Noted that there are tweets about challenges accessing the traffic cameras.
 - A. Lanthier-Seymour: IT is experiencing 40 times the normal daily average (of people trying to access the traffic cameras). Can include messaging to ensure people are aware it's not censorship.
- E. Thibaudeau: PEOC liaising with Ministry of Transportation for updates.
 - Update regarding fundraising efforts: first Go Fund Me is currently at approximately \$8m; a second was established, potentially borne out of the notion that the first was frozen, currently at approximately \$80k and growing.

5. Next Steps

- P. Parenti: Reviewed current meeting schedule, which is subject to change.
- B. Gooding: Continuing to respond to requests, including cabs and shuttles.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:03 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: 2022 01 29 / 16:49 hours